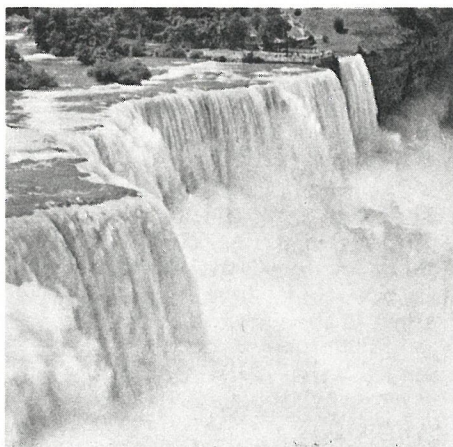


Messages of the Love of God



A Niagara Rescue

One day some years ago the people living near Niagara Falls were startled by the cry: "Man in Niagara! Man in Niagara!" So they all ran, thronging the Suspension Bridge and crowding the cliffs nearby.

Then some one cried out: "See, see, over there—he is hanging on a rock!" pointing as he spoke to a low water-washed rock about sixty yards below the great falls on the American side.

Then the question went through all the murmuring crowd: "Can we save him? Can we save him?" They got a long rope ladder and threw it over, but there were some bushes growing out of a crevice down part way in the rocks, and as the rope ladder fell, it got tangled in the bushes, and they could not loose it.

Then they asked this other question: "Who will go down and clear the rope ladder and try to save that man?" It was a terrible thing to do. The man who dared to do it would do so at the greatest risk of his own life.

At last a brave young fellow stepped forward and said, "I'll go." Carefully he climbed down the rope ladder to the bushes; with difficulty he got the ladder clear and then it fell near the imperilled man. The rope ladder swung and swayed, and below the young man were the dashing boiling waters. One loose grasp, one misstep, and nothing could save him. But he went slowly and steadily down and down.

At last he reached the spot where the drenched, buffeted, weakened man was clinging. Holding with one hand firmly to the swaying ladder and putting one foot as firmly as he could upon the low rocks the water was dashing over, with the other hand he took hold of the poor fellow, and, saying words of comfort to him, got him to take hold of the rope ladder and try to climb up to the cliffs above.

So, painfully, laboriously, resting often to gain strength, the poor man climbed up, the brave helper below all the while steadying the ladder as best he could. At last he was in reach of the top, and strong arms, reaching over, seized him and lifted him into safety, amid the tears and shouts and eager joy of the multitude.

The story illustrates, though in a poor way, what our Lord Jesus has done for sinners. He was the One Who came down from Heaven to us, amid all the storm and death and judgment our sins deserved.

He came down to us. He did not stand, like the people on the cliffs, away off in the far heavens shouting to us to climb up. He was like the brave helper in the story: from the far heavens He Himself came down to us.

But our Lord Jesus does not simply

bring the ladder of escape to us. He takes us up in His arms of love and lifts us up completely out of the place of danger and judgment. It was "while we were yet without strength, Christ died for us." Let us not resist Him, but with deep trust rest our fainting souls on Him. So our Lord Jesus is the One Who comes to us; and there is not one of us who may not be saved because He came.

Come now, before it be too late.

"ATTENTION!"



Peter was standing on the platform of a railway station waiting for his train to come along. It was a few minutes late and he was looking this way and that, greatly interested in the other trains and in the coming and going of the crowds nearby. Suddenly he heard one of the station officials shout,

"ATTENTION!"

"Who can he be shouting at?" thought Peter. "Someone may be in danger; I wonder what the trouble is."

Again came the shout, louder than ever,

"ATTENTION!"

This time Peter looked on either side of him, wondering to whom the call was directed, when suddenly a strong hand grasped him by his coat collar and dragged him back. Just then a locomotive came whizzing past so close that he would have been caught and dragged along had he not been pulled away.

"Thank you, sir, for saving my life!"

"But didn't you hear me shouting at you?"

"Yes, sir, I heard you shout 'Attention' but I didn't see any danger and I thought it meant somebody else."

Maybe you wonder how a locomotive could be so near, and yet Peter didn't see or hear it. There were so many other things and so many other noises about him, that the danger came on him without his noticing it.

"ATTENTION!"

This word is directed to you, dear reader, and don't take it for anyone else. You are in danger of losing your soul eternally. Hear these warning notes of God's Word:

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation." Hebrews 2:3.

"Flee from the wrath to come." Matthew 3:7.

"The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7.

This message is not for the boy next door or for the girl around the corner - it is for you! Have your sins been washed in the blood of Jesus?

Little "Nuisance"!



"It is a little daughter, Master. Will you accept her?"

The nurse knelt before the Chinese father and laid a small bundle at his feet.

"A girl?" the father asked, turning away with disappointment. "Just a worthless girl—just another nuisance! Another mouth to fill with rice!"

Nuisance was not thrown into the river as many Chinese baby girls are, but her life was a very hard one. She learned what it meant to work, and work hard, at an age when little girls in this country think of nothing but to play. Punishments and scoldings were frequent. Then one day while she was still a small girl, her father decided to sell her for a slave!

How frightened little Nuisance was the day her father took her away to the slave market! It was hard not to cry as rough men came up to handle and feel of her to see if she were strong and well to make a good slave. With downcast eyes she did not even see the quiet man who finally bought her and led her away. Though her life had never been a happy one, still she was leaving all that she had ever known, and just what terror the future might have in store for her, she did not know, but feared.

Imagine her surprise when she heard her new master speaking kindly and lovingly to her! She was brought to a lovely home where she was told she was not to live as a servant, but as the daughter of the man who had bought her to set her free!

As little Nuisance found herself

loved and cared for, it seemed to her that no greater love could ever be shown to her. But one day the man who had bought her told her of the great love of the Saviour who had seen her, not only as a little slave girl, but had seen her in the bondage of sin, and in His wondrous love had died that He might deliver her from the power of Satan.

"Truly, truly, I have been bought by love!" the little Chinese girl wept with joy.

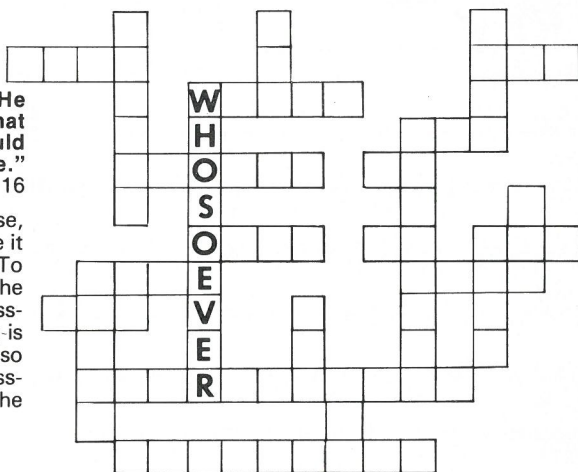
After some years she became a faithful missionary to her own people. How she loved to tell especially the other poor neglected girls of the great LOVE of the Saviour for them, for had He not delivered her—one who had been but a *nuisance*, and in the bondage of both slavery and sin!

John 3:16 Crosspatch Puzzle

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16

Have you memorized the Bible verse, John 3:16? If you have not, memorize it now to help you solve this puzzle. To solve the puzzle try to make all the words in John 3:16 fit into the crosspatch here. For example, everlasting is the only word having 11 letters, so there is only one place in the crosspatch where it could go. Some of the other words are not as easy.



Try to fill in the missing letters and complete this gospel text. **Matt. 25**

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Joshua



Chapter 2:18-24

Rahab let the two men down by a cord through the window, for her house was upon the town wall. And the men said to her,

“Behold, when we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father’s household, home unto thee.”

But more than this, let us notice here the two “whosoever.”

“And it shall be, that *whosoever* shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltless: and *whosoever* shall be with thee in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand be upon him . . . And she said, According unto your words, so be it.”

How wonderful the grace God pledged here to *whosoever* took refuge in the house of faith in this doomed city of Jericho! On the other hand judgment was the certain doom of *whosoever* was found in the streets of Jericho.

And so it is today, dear reader. If you, whether young or old, a great sinner or a little sinner, will take your place in the great *whosoever* of John 3:16, there is pardon, salvation and eternal life for you. But if you reject the Lord Jesus Christ or neglect to take shelter under His precious blood, you will find yourself in the *whosoever* of Revelation 20:15: “And *whosoever* was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” How dreadfully solemn this is!

While Rahab was sheltering the two spies, the men of Jericho were scouring the countryside looking for them. To Rahab these two men were God’s messengers of life and salvation, but to

the king and his people they were enemies. How often in the history of this world have men sought to get rid of the Word of God and those who proclaim it, rather than bow to His claims and be saved. The Apostle could say: “We are unto God a sweet savor of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: to the one we are the savor of death unto death; and to the other the savor of life unto life.” 2 Cor. 2:15, 16.

The two men had said to Rahab, “when we be come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window.” But it appears that she did not wait for the advancing hosts of Israel to cross the Jordan. As soon as the men were gone she acted, and the scarlet cord in the window witnessed not only to her faith, but in type proclaimed Christ and the value of His work to save the vilest of sinners. Not only was Rahab *safe*, but she was *sure* also, for she trusted the word spoken, saying, “According to your word, so be it.”

The blood of the slain passover lamb, sprinkled on the doorposts and lintel in Egypt that dark night, turned away the destroying angel; so the scarlet line hung in the window would preserve the house and all in it from destruction and death when the walls of Jericho should fall at the noise of the trumpets of the Lord. May we each know the peace and shelter of the blood of Christ, as Rahab knew the safety of the scarlet line.

Try to fill in the missing letters and complete this gospel text. Heb. 11

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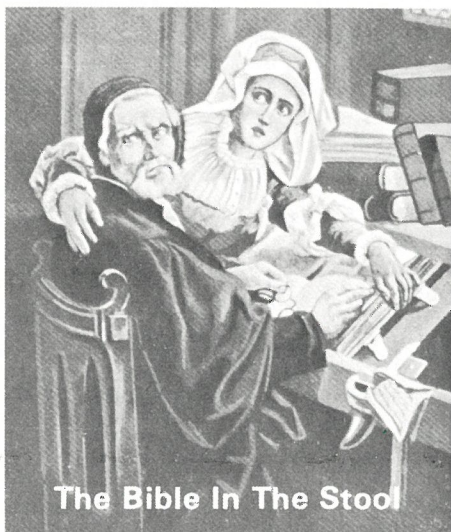
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The Bible In The Stool

In France many years ago there was a family who loved the Bible. However, they lived in the times when people were forbidden to read the Bible, and if anyone was found reading it, they were threatened with punishment and even death.

In spite of this persecution, however, the father of this family felt that whatever else he must do without, he *must* have the Bible to read for himself and for his children. But he knew that unless he could hide it, it would soon be taken away from him. He knew, too, that if he expected to keep it, he must hide it in some place where enemies would not think of looking for it. If he should put it in any of the drawers or in the cupboard or under the bed, they would be sure and look there and find it and carry it off.

So he got a wooden stool with sides around the top. He turned it upside down and fastened the back of the

precious old Book to the underside of the top of the stool. When the stool was turned upside down, you could open the Bible and turn over the pages and read any part of it. Then he made a sliding lid to the underpart of the stool so that the Bible might be protected from evil eyes and injury. When that lid was pushed in, there was nothing about the stool that would lead anyone to suspect what a treasure there was inside of it. It was just a common-looking wooden stool, and anyone might sit on it as he pleased.

If someone came in and did not know what was there, they would have thought it very strange to see the father take that stool every morning and evening, and carefully turn it upside down, lay it reverently on his knee, draw out the lid, and gaze very earnestly on something. In this way they kept their Bible for years and found salvation, comfort and happiness in reading it.

One day one of those who hated the Bible came in the house looking for the precious Book, but he could not find it. He searched till he was so weary that he came and sat down on the very stool to rest himself. As he sat there, he wondered where the Bible could be; but he never succeeded in finding it.

Sometime after, the family heard of America and of the liberty people had there to read the Bible as they pleased and to worship God. So they all came over to this country in a ship, and their precious Book, the Bible, came with them. They loved it and guarded it. It was the greatest treasure they had in their new home. Then when the father died, he handed the Bible down to his children with a charge to keep it in

MEMORY
VERSE

"God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5:8

remembrance of the sufferings and trials he had passed through in his native land.

That French family has long since passed away; but that old Bible which was hidden away in the stool, is still to be seen in the hands of their great grandchildren. We are told that the family who now owns it lives in Western Pennsylvania.

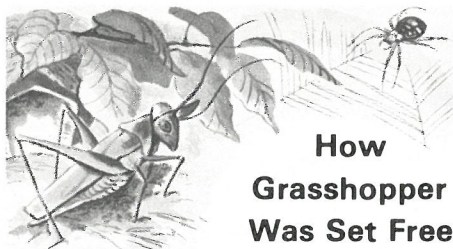
Why do you suppose this family loved that Bible so? Why, because it told of a Saviour who loved them and died for their sins upon the cross of Calvary. It told of the way to true

happiness by trusting in this Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. It spoke words of comfort in times of trial and guided them in the right way.

The Bible says, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:36.

Again it says, "The world passeth away . . . but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." 1 John 2:17.

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:9.



How Grasshopper Was Set Free

Mr. Grasshopper was hopping along gaily one day when he landed right in the middle of a spider web. This did not seem serious at first. The web didn't look very strong, and his back legs were powerful. Surely he could get out in a few kicks, but somehow every kick only tangled him more in that strange sticky web.

A moment later a black spider appeared from a hole in the ground. Running across the web he came right up to poor Mr. Grasshopper and bit him. It stung, and soon Mr. Grasshopper began to feel himself grow strange and weak so that he could hardly kick any more.

That might have been the end of poor Grasshopper if a kind lady had not been watching what was going on. She knew poor Grasshopper could not save himself and that he would die. So before Spider could sting him again, she reached out her hand, lifted Grasshopper free of the web and set him on the ground.

At first Grasshopper's hop was a little weak, but each hop grew stronger until he had got far away from that dread spot. Spider was very excited and angry at losing his prisoner, but if you

or I could have talked to Grasshopper after his deliverance, we would have found him a most thankful and happy fellow.

Satan too spins webs - webs of temptation and sin. Those little threads of sin may seem frail at first, but they become terribly strong if one continues in them, and only the blessed Lord Jesus can break them and set one free. Satan knows what kind of a web to spin to catch boys and girls and older people too. He knows what temptation will best snare each of us.

The Lord Jesus is stronger than Satan. He came into this world, bound the strong man (Satan), and ever since then He has been setting his prisoners free. He is the only Saviour. He is the only One who can set you free from sin and Satan's power; and as that kind lady reached out and saved poor Grasshopper, so we read, "The Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear." Isaiah 59:1. Trust in the Lord for salvation!

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36.

The Tempter

The serpent came to Eve one day

And tempted her to disobey;

He told her she'd be very wise,

And foolish Eve believed his lies.

Yes, Eve believed in him, instead

Of minding what the Lord had said;

And that is how sin came to be,

And how it passed to you and me.

The Sad Story Of Jean



Jean was a bright pretty girl and a favorite of all her companions at work. She was just sixteen, and she was looking forward to a life of pleasure. God had given her a good home and a fine voice which she used to sing all the popular songs as they came out.

In the office where Jean worked, there was a Christian girl who used to speak to some of her companions about the Lord Jesus. She had often spoken to Jean, but had met with laughter instead of interest.

"Don't worry about me, Margie; I have a long life ahead of me." So Margie would walk quietly away to pray for her friend.

One afternoon Jean went home from work feeling sick. Her mother thought it was just a cold, but before morning she seemed so much worse that a doctor was called. He at once found it

to be a very serious infection and gave very little hope of recovery.

"Mother," cried Jean, "send for Margie to come and pray for me."

Margie came and at once began again to tell Jean of God's love in sending Jesus to die for her. But that was not at all what Jean wanted.

"Pray to God to make me well again," she said. "If God will make me well, I shall try so hard to be good, and will go to church too, and will read my Bible."

Margie was shocked to hear all this strange talk, and she knelt down and cried to God to awaken poor Jean to her need of a Saviour before she died.

They parted soon, never again to meet on earth. "Mother," said Jean, "I will not die. Oh, Mother, the holidays are coming. I cannot die! I have so many parties and so many plans; I must not die!"

Before morning, Jean was in eternity.

Dear reader, you may be young and healthy, but you may be in eternity tonight. We plead with you to come to Jesus and take Him as your Saviour right now before it is too late.

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" Heb. 2:3.

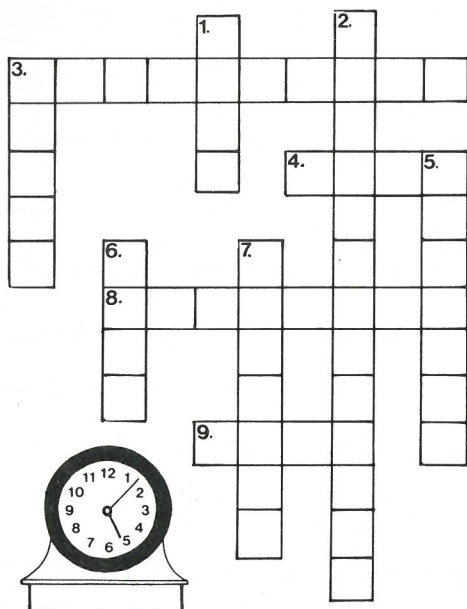
Time

DOWN

1. It is time to _____ the Lord. Hos. 10:12.
2. Men that had _____ of the times, to know what Israel ought to do. 1 Chron. 12:32.
3. Remember how _____ my time is. Psalm 89:47.
5. Blessed is he that _____, and they that hear . . . for the time is at hand. Rev. 1:3.
6. My times are in Thy _____: deliver me. Psalm 31:15.
7. The time is fulfilled . . . repent ye, and _____ the gospel. Mark 1:15.

ACROSS

3. The _____ of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Romans 8:18.
4. Pass the time of your sojourning here in _____. 1 Peter 1:17.
8. Behold, now is the _____ time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 2 Cor. 6:2.
9. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of _____. Heb. 4:16.



Joshua



Chapter 3:1-9

"And Joshua rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel."

Israel were about to cross the Jordan and enter Canaan at last. However, they must lodge there for three days to prepare themselves for so solemn and wonderful an event. Those three days speak of death and resurrection. We cannot follow the Lord in the energy of mere human nature. They were about to tread a path hitherto untrodden, and they needed to think deeply on these things.

The Ark of God - borne by the priests - was first to pass down into the waters of death, and the people were to follow it. However, there was to be a space between them and it, about 2,000 cubits, and they were not to come near unto it. As Christians we rejoice to give the Lord Jesus Christ His full place, for in all things He must have the pre-eminence (Col. 1:18).

"That ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore." No one but the Lord Jesus could pass through death and then rise above its power; but He has led the way for us. It is a new way altogether and we but follow Him, who is the firstfruits of the resurrection.

Both the Red Sea and the Jordan speak of the death of Christ. However, the Red Sea is more His death for us, or redemption, while the Jordan figures our death with Him. In grace too wonderful to tell, He associates us with Himself in His death and resurrection and makes us sit together in Him in heavenly places.

It was harvest time and the people could immediately enjoy the ripe rich fruits of Canaan when they entered the land. So for us the full rich fruit of our

place in heaven in Christ the risen One is ours to enjoy as soon as we enter there by faith now.

We are "planted together" with Christ in the likeness of His death, and we are united to Him in His life. Because He lives, we live also. We are "saved by His life" (Rom. 5:10). Again we read, "Ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Col. 3:3). Christ our Ark has brought His people clean through the river of death into the promised land. In Christ, the believer is, as it were, on the far side of Jordan, and at rest in Canaan. Well might the Apostle say,

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" (Eph. 1:3).

The Lord told Joshua: "This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel." When we see in Joshua a type of the Lord Jesus, leading His people in the power of the Spirit into their heavenly portion, when we see the exceeding riches of His grace by which He has associated us with Himself as His bride, how we delight to magnify and exalt Him. Surely He is worthy of our homage and our praise!

Scripture Alphabet

G _ _ _ _ _ The archangel who appeared to Daniel, Zacharias and Mary. - Luke 1

G _ _ _ _ _ A sea also called "the Sea of Tiberias" and "Lake Gennesaret." - Matt. 15

G _ _ _ _ _ The land in which Jacob, his sons and their families lived after leaving Canaan. - Gen. 47

G _ _ _ _ _ Eden and Gethsemane were _ _ _ . - Gen. 2, Mark 14

G _ _ _ _ _ He used pitchers, lamps, trumpets and 300 men, and the Lord gave him the victory over the enemies of Israel. - Judges 7

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The Stolen Flute



There was once a musician who had an ebony flute with beautiful silver keys. Ebony, you know, is a kind of black wood, very hard, and often used in making musical instruments. But though this flute was very beautiful to look at, and gave out very soft, rich and sweet notes, it had one defect. One of the upper keys was broken so that it could not be used. When the musician was playing on his flute and came to this broken key, he always had to skip one note, which made a discord in the music.

The musician had a friend, a tailor by trade, who also was very fond of music, and often came to the musician's room to hear him play. He also played a little himself on the ebony flute with the silver keys.

One night the tailor called to see the musician, but finding he was out, he figured out a way to get into his room and stole his prized flute. There was nobody there to see him, and so he felt sure that the secret of his wickedness would not be found out.

A day or two after, the tailor called on the musician again and pretended to be very sorry to hear of his loss. He

said he wondered who could have been so mean as to steal it. He even accused an old woman who used to come to the house to sweep the rooms of having taken it, but no evidence could be proved against her.

Not long after the tailor moved away to another town. Here he could make free use of the stolen flute without the fear of his being discovered; and he did so. He had a bird of which he was very fond - a bullfinch, a bird something like a sparrow. It is quite common in England and the northern parts of Europe. It has a soft, pleasant voice, and when kept in a cage, can be taught to sing a variety of tunes.

The tailor used to spend a good deal of his leisure time teaching his bird different tunes by playing on the flute. But his bird could only learn by imitation and had to copy exactly the lesson that was played. In teaching the bird its music lessons from the flute, when the tailor came to the broken key, he always had to skip one note.

Well, after a while the musician had occasion to go on business to the town to which his former friend, the tailor, had moved. While he was there, he called on him.

To entertain him during his visit, the tailor brought in his beautiful bullfinch to show him and to let his friend hear the different tunes which he could whistle and sing. The musician was quite delighted to listen to the soft, sweet voice of the bird as he sung over one tune after another. But he soon noticed that as the bird raised its voice, it always skipped one particular note. Then he thought about his lost flute with the broken key. He found that the note the bird skipped each time was the

very same note which he himself used to skip when playing on his ebony flute. The thought occurred to him that this bird had been taught to sing from lessons given on his flute. Then he felt sure that the tailor had stolen the flute.

The musician turned to the tailor. "This bird skips the very same note that my flute used to skip," he said, "and now I know that *you* stole my flute." The tailor was so taken by surprise that he confessed that he had stolen it. He gave the flute back to its owner and learned a lesson that day which he never forgot. "Be sure your sin will find you out."

God can use the smallest of His creatures to work His sovereign will. We can hide nothing from Him. Sooner or later it will be brought to the surface. His Word says, "The eyes of

the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." Proverbs 15:3.

We were all born into this world in sin. The Bible says, "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23. If you are without Christ, you have death before you, and "after death the judgment;" and then the second death, which is the lake of fire. But if you know Christ as your Saviour, you have eternal life now; there will be no judgment for you because Jesus has borne it all for you upon the cross.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation [judgment]; but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24.

The Story Of Pierre



It was in the days of the first Napoleon. The French army was retreating from Moscow and terrible hardships were endured. In the bitter cold, through blinding snow the men dragged their weary feet, their ranks getting thinner every day.

As column after column of troops retreated ever westward, the cry of a little child was heard. He had been dropped by his mother from one of the wagons that had passed on ahead. Several of the soldiers rushed back and rescued little Pierre from death. Opening his great coat, one of the men reverently and gently laid the little one close to his heart, thus shielding him from the icy blasts. Another soldier, and another, would take his turn in bearing safely onward that weak child whom they had rescued from a snowy grave.

As the days passed, the situation became more desperate, the hardships

increased, while the guns and attacks of the enemy troops took their terrible toll. Rivers had to be crossed, and battles fought to clear the way for the survivors of that ill-fated expedition.

Amid all the dangers and sorrows of the homeward march, there was one who was safe and well cared for. Sometimes carried by one soldier, and again by another, it so came about that little Pierre reached Paris safe and sound. The soldiers had saved him from death and they were not going to leave their work half done. They finished the work they had begun by shielding and watching the rescued one till they arrived safe in the capital at last.

This world is a cold dreary waste - "the valley of the shadow of death" - filled with hardships and sorrows along the way. But the care which these kindly soldiers bestowed upon motherless little Pierre shall be as nothing compared to the infinite tenderness with which God, the Almighty Redeemer, shall lead you on to that city of eternal rest, dear reader. Only trust Christ now as your Saviour, and you will be *saved* from death, *kept* by the power of God, and *safely* landed in that heavenly land.

"Redeemed . . . , with the precious blood of Christ, . . . kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation." 1 Pet. 1:18, 19, 5.

Whiskers, The Prisoner



Grandma was sitting in the big armchair knitting. By and by she became drowsy and dropped off to sleep. Whiskers, the kitten, discovered the beautiful, soft ball of yarn lying on the table. In a moment he had rolled it onto the floor and bounded after it.

What fun he had! He had the time of his life rolling, tumbling and kicking at the tangled yarn, until he himself began to look like a ball of yarn, for most of it was wound and tangled about him. When he finally decided to stop playing and kicking, he found

himself a prisoner! When Grandma awoke, she found Whiskers fast asleep amid the knots and tangles of yarn. She snipped the threads of yarn with her scissors and set the little prisoner free.

At first it was a fun game for Whiskers, but then he found himself so wound up in the yarn that he could not free himself. How like that sin is! Perhaps it starts out with just a little fun, but if we are not careful, Satan leads us on until we find ourselves hopelessly entangled in the meshes of sin, and we cannot escape.

Only the Lord Jesus can free us from the cords of sin and from Satan's power. He came into the world to destroy the works of the devil and to set His captives free. Whenever a boy or girl or man or woman trusts in Jesus as Saviour, he is delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son (Colossians 1:13). He is brought "from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God." (Acts 26:18.)

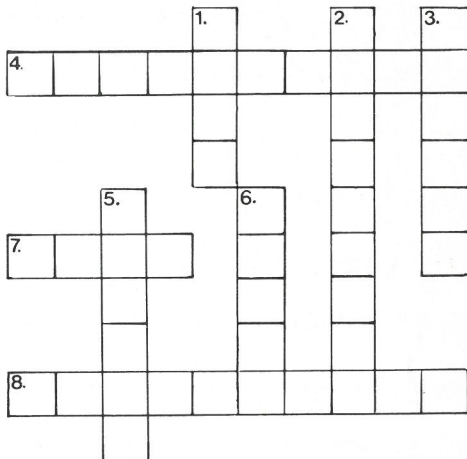
The Fear Of The Lord

DOWN

1. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of _____, to depart from the snares of death. Prov. 14:27.
2. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of _____. Prov. 1:7.
3. By the fear of the Lord men _____ from evil. Prov. 16:6.
5. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of _____. Psalm 111:10.
6. The fear of the Lord is _____, enduring forever. Psalm 19:9.

ACROSS

4. In the fear of the Lord is strong _____. Prov. 14:26.
7. The fear of the Lord is to hate _____. Prov. 8:13.
8. The fear of the Lord _____ days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened. Prov. 10:27.



Try to fill in the missing letters and complete this gospel text.

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Joshua



Chapter 3:10-17

The Red Sea was God's way of power for bringing His people out from their slavery in Egypt; the Jordan was His way of power for bringing them into their blessings in Canaan.

The priests, the representatives of the people, were to take up the ark of the covenant and pass on before Israel, and He takes the title of the Lord of all the earth. Satan acts through the power of the world to hinder our entrance into our heavenly portion. These seven nations of the Canaanites within the land represent the enemy's power arraigned against God and His people. Yet, the earth is the Lord's and Joshua says,

"Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites . . ."

The people then remove "*from their tents*" to pass over Jordan. They were going to a place of permanent habitation, and their tent life and pilgrimage would be over. Our standing is fixed, for we are made to "sit together" in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

It was harvest time, and the Jordan was overflowing all its banks. "And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, . . . that the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon a heap very far from the city Adam . . . and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho."

The waterfloods could not overwhelm the Ark of God, conqueror of everything. So death has no dominion over the Lord Jesus. He has destroyed the power of death for His people. "Death and judgment are behind us" -

for we have in Christ already died, the judgment has already passed on us at the cross. We are beyond them and their power and dread.

What a wonderful sight it must have been! We can hardly imagine what it was like, the wide river dried up, the priests going on before bearing the ark, now standing still in the deepest part, while the thousands of Israel passed by - men, women and children, with their animals and cattle, and all the Levites with the parts of the tabernacle. For the moment the feet of the priests touched the brim of the water, it all dried up.

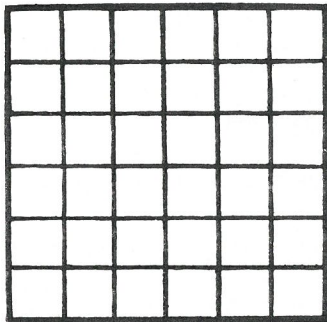
"Until all the people were passed clean over Jordan" the Ark stood before the heaped-up waters. When the Ark was removed, the waters swept on in their place. So only in Christ are we safe. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:36.

Six Words Of Six Letters

Turn to the following verses and pick out a word of SIX LETTERS beginning and ending with the same letter.

2 Samuel 7:2;
Psalm 20:1;
Amos 9:13;

Esther 1:20;
Ezekiel 17:5;
Acts 18:2.



Now arrange the SIX WORDS so that the first and final letters make the name of the same apostle.

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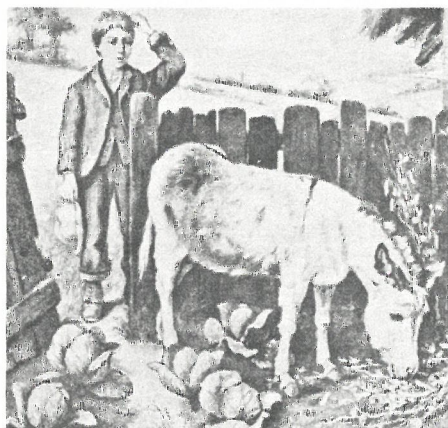
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What Jim Learned

Jim's father was dead and he lived with his mother who worked very hard to make both ends meet. As he grew older, he could not bear to see her work so hard. He determined to help her all he could, and this he did manfully. But weeding, watering and digging in the garden was hard work, and then he had also many weary journeys to try and sell the vegetables from the garden.

It so happened that a neighbor had a donkey that grazed in the lane, and knowing the neighbor was willing to sell it, Jim told his mother that he could sell many more vegetables if he had a donkey to haul them around. He suggested trying to save some money to buy the one that grazed in the lane. His mother was willing; so together they toiled and lived as plainly and cheaply as possible, and little by little they were saving up the necessary amount. Then something happened that postponed the purchase of the donkey, which was a great disappointment to Jim, but by

which he learned a lesson he never forgot.

One evening when his mother was out, Jim was at work in his garden, when some of his schoolmates came along and began coaxing him to come and play a game for money on the green. Poor Jim did not have the courage to say No, and at last he was persuaded; he went with them, quite forgetting to fasten the garden gate. The game resulted in Jim winning a few pennies, but then his tempters said he must buy drinks all around, which ended in Jim's going home without a penny in his pocket. With a heavy weight of shame upon his heart, he feared to meet his mother and wondered what he should say if she asked him any questions.

As Jim drew near home, he saw the garden gate wide open, and looking inside he beheld the donkey making short work of his precious peas and cabbages. The damage and loss was sufficient to postpone the purchase of the donkey. Jim was crestfallen. He knew that he alone was to blame. With a heavy heart he drove out the donkey, fastened the gate and went into the house miserable and ashamed. But the lesson he had learned was a cheap one, in spite of what it had cost, for it cured him of following evil company in gambling and drinking, and therefore he never ceased to be thankful for it.

Beware of the tempter. It was the ruin of Eve when she listened to the serpent in the garden of Eden. All the misery that has ever been known in this world came through thus yielding to the tempter.

Our great safeguard is in being kept by the Lord—for those whom He

keeps are well and safely kept. To have His holy fear implanted in our hearts will make us say when tempted, as Joseph did, "How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" Gen. 39:9. We need the power of God to keep us from the power of Satan who lays snares for our feet, and this we prove when we take the Lord Jesus as our Saviour. Not only does He put away our sins and our guilt, but He gives us strength to resist temptation and to walk in a way pleasing to Him in this world. Read your Bible and be much in prayer, dear young Christian.

"Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners." 1 Cor. 15:33.

"Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil." Ex. 23:2.



Little Janet's Faithful Love

Lee was a drunkard. He had broken his poor Christian wife's heart, but before she died, she told little Janet, their only child, never to leave her father. "Be patient and kind to him, Janet," she said, "and try to win him back from his sinful ways."

After her mother's death, however, Lee treated his little daughter shamefully. He swore at her, beat her, and sometimes turned her out of the house at night. Still she never left him.

One night about eleven o'clock a neighbor was going home. He found Janet sitting on her door step; it was raining and she was wet to the skin. Her drunken father had driven her out some time before and she had sat down on the step to listen for his heavy snoring before she crept back into bed. The kind-hearted neighbor tried to persuade the little girl to go home with him, but she would not leave her father. Things went on like this for months.

At length her father grew less violent to his self-denying child. One day at

the tavern, after a heavy drinking spree, he had fallen asleep. He woke up to find his child at his side waiting to lead him home. He turned to her, and in tones almost tender said, "Janet, what makes you stay with me?"

"Because I love you, Daddy."

"You love me! — a poor, miserable drunk. Everyone else despises me; why don't you?"

"Dear Daddy," said the little girl, her eyes brimming with tears, "Mommy taught me to love you; and every night it seems, in my dreams, as if she comes and stands by my bed and says, 'Janet, don't leave your Daddy. Some day he will get free from the power of drink. God will deliver him from his evil ways, and then how happy you will be!'"

Poor Lee broke down before such love as this. He took his little girl up in his arms and wept over her like a child. That was the turning point in his life. From that day on he became a sober man.

Does not this illustrate the more wonderful love of Jesus? How many have turned to Him from their sins to love and serve Him because of the power of *His* love. "We love Him because He first loved us." (1 John 4:19.) It was love that brought Him down from heaven to go to Calvary's cross for us. It was love that held Him there until redemption's work was complete. Now He can save the worst sinner and all who put their trust in Him.

"To know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge." (Eph. 3:19.)



So Much To Thank God For

It was bedtime and little Mary knelt down to pray. This night she prayed unusually long. As Mother tucked her little girl in bed, she asked, "Why did you pray so long tonight?"

"Mother," replied her little girl so sweetly, "It was because I had so much to thank God for tonight!"

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18.)

Rachel



Rachel was a little Jewish girl who had opened her heart to the Lord Jesus and knew Him as her Saviour. She learned many verses from the New Testament by memory.

One day when her father came home from a trip, Rachel ran to meet him and said, "Daddy, I love Jesus! He loves the little children!"

Her father was very angry, and told his little girl never to speak about Jesus again. But one day Rachel became very ill. The doctor shook his head and said

he did not think she would get well again. They had a Christian nurse who cared for the little girl and sang hymns to her.

One day they called Rachel's father to her bedside. The doctor said she was dying. Her father prayed a Jewish prayer. Then suddenly Rachel opened her eyes and repeated from memory the story she had learned from the Bible of how the Lord Jesus raised the little daughter of Jairus from death. When she had finished telling the story, she became still.

Her father fell down on his knees and began to pray to the Lord Jesus. "Oh Jesus," he said amid tears, "Thou who didst raise up the daughter of Jairus, raise up my little Rachel, and I will believe in Thee as my Saviour and Israel's Messiah!"

The father's prayer was answered. Rachel opened her eyes, and from that moment on, she began to get well. The father was as good as his word.

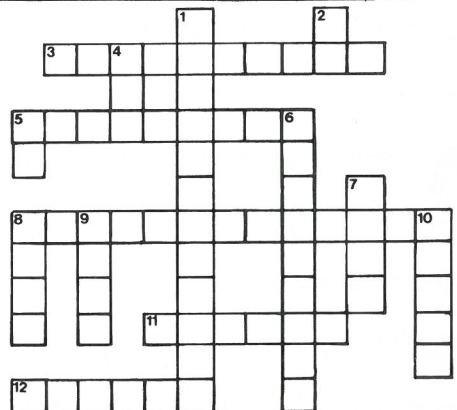
Some Attributes Of The Lord

DOWN

1. Thy _____ is unto all generations. *Psa. 119:90.*
2. _____ great is His mercy. *Psa. 103:11.*
4. Mercy and truth are _____ together. *Psa. 85:10.*
5. The Lord thinketh upon _____. *Psa. 40:17.*
6. How _____ is Thy lovingkindness, O God. *Psa. 36:7.*
7. Thy lovingkindness is better than _____. *Psa. 63:3.*
8. For His great _____ wherewith He loved us. *Eph. 2:4.*
9. Thou art _____, O Lord. *Psa. 119:151.*
10. _____ are Thy tender mercies, O Lord. *Psa. 119:156.*

ACROSS

3. Thou, O Lord, art a God full of _____. *Psa. 86:15.*
5. The _____ of Thy tender mercies. *Psa. 51:1.*



8. The Lord is . . . _____ to us-ward. *2 Pet. 3:9.*
11. Thy mercy is great above the _____. *Psa. 108:4.*
12. Thy truth reacheth unto the _____. *Psa. 108:4.*

Try to fill in the missing letters and complete this gospel text.

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 _ _ I N S _ _ U N _ _ _ _ D _ _



Joshua



The Crossing of the Jordan
Chapter 3:14-17

"And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests, bearing the ark of the covenant before the people,

"And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,)

"That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon a heap very far from the city Adam, . . . and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off; and the people passed over right against Jericho."

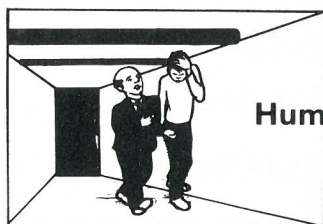
Israel had the pillar of fire to lead them out of Egypt; they had the ark to lead them into Canaan. Both were symbols of the Lord's presence, and in either case they had but to follow divine guidance. They could not make a way for themselves through the waters of the Red Sea nor through the river Jordan. Both were a barrier to them, but the Lord went before His people and opened up the way.

At the Red Sea God made a path through the waters by the rod of His power, but at the Jordan the ark takes the place of the rod. The ark represents Christ. Its shittim wood speaks of His holy humanity; its gold, His deity, and the tables of stone within, His perfect righteousness as Man. Jesus went through death before us, and we pass over as dead and risen in Him.

"That ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore." v. 4. Israel were about to tread a path hitherto untrodden, and they must have their eyes upon the ark. And so for us; every step of faith is new, and it is only by "looking off unto Jesus"

that we can "know the way by which we must go."

Every believer is seated in the heavenly places in Christ; in fact, one could not be a true Christian and not be there. God Himself has raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Eph. 2). Yet in following the Lord, the believer will find himself, practically speaking, treading an unknown path. How many of God's dear people do not know experimentally what it is "to have passed this way" - they think of heaven's joys as belonging to a future day, after we leave this world, when the truth is that God would have us enter in and enjoy now all the blessings He has given us in Christ the beloved One.



A father and his tall young son were walking through a narrow hallway which was crossed overhead by a large beam. The boy did not notice the beam as they were talking.

Suddenly his father said, "Stoop! Stoop!" The young fellow didn't understand what he meant until he hit his head against the low beam.

Then his father said to him, "Son, you are young. You have life before you. Stoop low as you go, and you will miss many hard bumps!"

The young man never forgot that lesson from his father. It was a help to him all through life.

God's Word says, "A man's pride shall bring him low: but honor shall uphold the humble in spirit." (Proverbs 29:23.)

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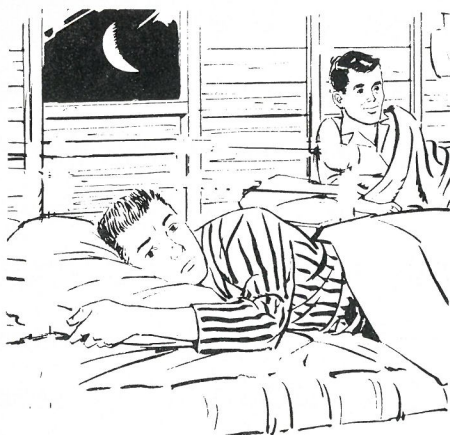
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Better Than A Gun

Two brave missionaries were traveling in Africa through a part of the country belonging to a fierce head-hunting tribe. They had had a hard day crossing rivers and valleys and climbing mountains. There was no footpath and they had to cut their way through the tangle of jungle. At nightfall they came near to a village, and pitching their tent some distance from the native huts, they soon fell asleep.

Suddenly in the darkness they were awakened by the sound of a soft footstep. Someone - friend or foe? - had discovered their presence, and was stealthily approaching. For what purpose? Would tomorrow's sun see two white men's heads being carried as trophies through the village?

They could only lie still and ask God for His protection as the steps drew nearer. Then the flap of the tent moved and a voice whispered,

"Have you got a gun?"

No, they did not have a gun - they were missionaries, servants of Christ,

armed only with the sword of the Spirit. They thought, "Had we better pretend we have a gun and frighten the strange visitor away? No, that would be telling a lie. As followers of Jesus we must speak the truth even though it cost us our lives. How could we preach the truth of the gospel to these people if we start by deceiving them?"

"No, my friend," one of them said aloud, "We have no gun. We have not come to harm you but to bring you the good news of salvation, to tell you about Jesus who died for sinful men everywhere."

By this time the Lushai tribesman had drawn back the flap of the tent letting the bright moonlight stream in. They asked him to come in and tell them why he was walking about in the night.

He came in, but he would not believe that the white men had no gun until he had searched every inch of their tent. "All white men carry guns," he said. At last, unable to find any, he went quietly away, leaving the two men to sleep.

The next day when the missionaries entered the village, they heard the reason why they were disturbed during the night. A deer had gone into the village, and the people wanted to shoot it and have a feast. Not long before, however, the government had taken away all their guns because of their dangerous head-hunting raids. Now they could not even shoot a deer.

They were amazed that two white men should come to Lushai without guns. It was a brave thing to do, but the messengers of Christ, the Prince of Peace and Saviour of the world, won the admiration of the hillmen of

Lushai, and many of them were brought to the Lord. Now instead of head-hunting, they have a peace which only the followers of Christ can have, for "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1.

The Lushais thank God still for sending two brave soldiers of His who carried no gun, and they themselves find the sword of the Spirit their best weapon of warfare and defense.



"It
Stings!"

Little Joey was out for a walk with his mother one bright spring morning. Merrily he skipped along in front of her enjoying the sunshine, the flowers and the singing of the birds. He loved these times alone with his mother.

"Look, Mommy!" he shouted. "How pretty!" and his little hand grasped a cluster of white lilacs which grew near the path. The next moment, however, his face grew red with fright, and he dashed the flowers to the ground. "It stings, it stings!" he cried.

A busy little bee in search of honey was at that moment sucking nectar from the lilac blossoms when Joey's hand disturbed him. In a moment he had driven his sharp sting into the child's hand.

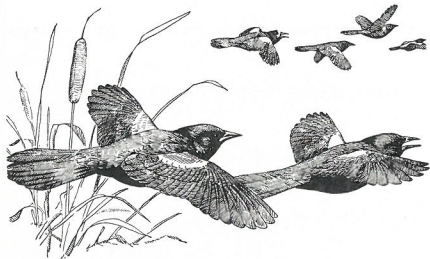
Mother dried her little boy's tears and comforted him. Then she said, "Now, my boy, let this teach you a lesson. Many pretty things have sharp stings."

Often Satan makes some things appear very pretty, just as he did to Eve in the garden of Eden. "When Eve saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat;" but she didn't see the sting of sin that went with it.

The Bible says, "The sting of death is sin." (1 Cor. 15:56.) Everyone of us has been stung by sin, and the only remedy for sin is the blood of Jesus.

"The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." (1 John 1:7.)

The Blackbirds And The Beetles



In Hollister, California some years ago a farmer discovered that the dreaded army beetles had settled in one of his fields. He was sure that in a matter of hours his whole farm would be eaten bare, and he was filled with despair.

Then his little daughter, Joanne, spoke up.

"Daddy," she said, "Why don't you ask God to keep His promise and drive the beetles away?"

Together they knelt in prayer, and earnestly claimed God's promise: "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing . . . and I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground." (Malachi 3:10, 11.)

Getting up from their knees they saw a flock of blackbirds alighting on the field where the beetles were already at work. More blackbirds came and still more! The sky seemed filled with them. The birds all landed on the ground and remained until there wasn't a beetle left. Then they flew away.

"Call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me." (Psalms 50:15.)

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God Knows And That's Enough



A doctor in a welsh mining town had a very remarkable nurse. One evening after she had worked hard all day, he said to her, "Why don't you ask for more pay? It's not right that you should work for so little."

"I have enough to get along, Doctor," she replied.

"You ought to have an extra ten dollars a week at least," said the Doctor. "God knows you are worth it."

Smiling, the noble self-sacrificing nurse replied, "Doctor, God knows I'm worth more, and that's all that matters!"

She felt God had called her to her work, and she looked to Him to reward her for faithful service in His own time and way.

"Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." (Colossians 3:17.)



Mr. Gong's Joy

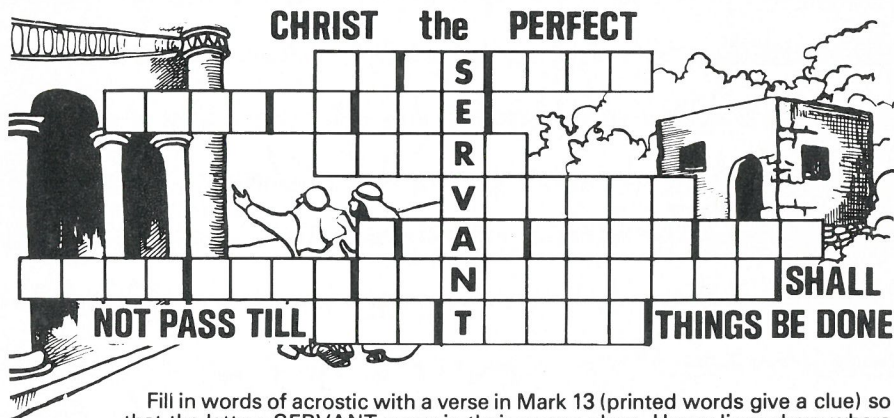
Mr. Gong was a happy Christian attorney in China. Often his non-Christian neighbors on the other side of the wall would hear him singing hymns. They said, "Oh, he is happy because God has smiled on him, and he is doing well."

However, one day Mr. Gong's little boy died and went to be with Jesus. The neighbors said, "Now Gong will be just like the rest of us in his sorrow. We will hear no singing over the wall tonight."

Nevertheless, that night Mr. Gong and his family gathered as usual for family worship. Their hearts were filled with sorrow, and yet they sang hymns and praised God just as before. The neighbors were astonished to learn that Christians have an inward joy even in times of sorrow.

That night Mr. Gong remarked, "I've never really understood how wonderful it is to be a Christian until this moment. I shall never forget it. God is always with us - both in happy times and in times of sorrow."

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort." (2 Corinthians 1:3.)



Fill in words of acrostic with a verse in Mark 13 (printed words give a clue) so that the letters SERVANT come in their proper place. Heavy lines show where the words in the verse end.

Joshua



The Crossing of the Jordan
Chapter 3:15-17

When Israel crossed the Red Sea, the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand and on their left. But in the Jordan there was no water; there was nothing to be afraid of. The moment the feet of the priests carrying the ark of God touched the brim of the river, the waters all dried up - Jordan's swift stream - type of death - rolled back and rose upon a heap, very far away by the city of Adam.

The name, Adam, reminds us that it was through the first Man that sin came into the world, and death by sin. But now at the Jordan, when the Ark, type of Christ, enters its waters, the rapid stream of death is turned back. Through Adam came death; but in the very place where sin reigned unto death, life has come through Jesus. Grace now reigns "through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. (Rom. 5:21.)"

"What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?" Psalms 114:5. Israel did not see those waters - the power of God was there, and the people, young

and old, weak and strong, passed over into the land of promise.

How wonderful for us the lesson of the Jordan! Here we have resurrection power out of death. The Lord has passed through death and entered into heaven, and God by His power has brought His saints in Christ to where He is.

The Lord Jesus went down into death, but God has raised Him from the dead and set Him at His own right hand, above all principality, and power and dominion - far above all heavens that He might fill all things.

"And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, . . . until all the people were passed clean over." All the people went over in the strength of the ark, and so it is by the power of God in Christ that we enter into the heavenly places. Christ stood firm for His people, and we are secure in His strength. Every single believer is blessed alike with the heavenly privileges - the least of all saints and the weakest believer. Canaan is for all, and all in Christ are there, because of the power of that love which stood firm in death until all His own had passed over. Well might we repeat:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" (Eph. 1:3). And blessed be the name of His dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. "To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever." (Rev. 1:6.)

Try to fill in the missing letters and complete this gospel text.

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Mark 8

Messages of the Love of God



A Villain Saved

There was living in a village in China a terrible villain. So severely had he been punished for his evil doings, that he had lost his eyesight. But blinding a man does not make him see the error of his ways. The law cannot cure a man morally or spiritually: it is too cold a process to melt.

Law and terrors do but harden all the while they work alone. But a sense of blood-bought pardon, this will melt a heart of stone.

The sightless Chinaman became a blind beggar, threatening his neighbors and doing all sorts of violent deeds. Once he entered into an oil shop and demanded money. When it was not forthcoming, he struck out right and left with his heavy stick, breaking the pots of oil and spilling it in all directions. Getting hold of some of the broken pieces of crockery, he cut himself and then went to the magistrate to complain of ill treatment. The store keeper was fined \$100. for the supposed assault.

In addition to this, the blind man was a great opium smoker, and knew the power of the evil habit. But can you hush the thunder, stay the rising tide, or reverse the downflow of Niagara? Then may a sinner by his own power cease to sin. Or in Scripture language, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? Then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil." Jeremiah 13:23.

An old lady got this sinner to the medical mission hospital. There he found that Christ died for sinners as bad as he, and that God was able to save to the uttermost all who came to Him through Jesus. He came, and was at once made a new creature in Christ Jesus.

It is a sin to limit the holy One of Israel (Psalm 78:41), in this day of grace, "for what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Romans 8:3, 4.

After the change, it was the blind man's great delight to sit in the waiting room of the hospital and point to himself. All knew what he had been: they now saw what he was. Having been so bad, he was a good example of what God could do — the sun had melted the icicle. None are too bad to be saved; though we fear many may be too good.

Three things make it possible for the worst to be saved: 1) the infinite value of the blood of Christ; 2) the almighty power of His arm, and 3) the unbounded love of His heart.

Rosa, A Little Italian Girl



Rosa was a happy little Italian girl just 10 years old with black sparkling eyes and curly hair. She attended a Sunday school conducted by a Christian lady who told the little Italian children the story of Jesus' love.

One day Rosa came to the class downcast and sad. Her kind teacher took her apart from the other children and said to her, "Rosa, you look very sad today; what is the matter?"

The little girl looked up mournfully into her face and said, "Because I have been thinking about what you told me. I was wondering if Jesus cares for me or not; do you think He does?" and her eyes filled with tears.

"Yes, Rosa, Jesus loves you. Did He not come down from His happy home in heaven to show His love for sinners? And did He not say when He was down here, 'Suffer little children to come unto Me'? How then can you doubt that He loves you? Can you repeat the verse that tells you so, Rosa?"

Rosa repeated the verse slowly.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God." Mark 10:14.

"Well, Rosa, who do you think that means, *you* or *me*? Does Jesus invite big folks like me, or little ones like you, to come to Him?"

The little girl clapped her hands with delight. "It's for *me*!" she exclaimed. "It's for *me*, for *me*! Jesus loves me; now I know!"

From that day on, Rosa believed that Jesus loved her, and she loved Him in return. She became a lamb of the Good Shepherd's flock, one of His faithful little followers.

Teddy's Fear



Teddy had gone with his father to visit Grandma. They stayed longer than they had first planned, and it was dark when they started for home.

On the way they had to go through a swamp. As they passed along, they could hear the frogs croaking, the insects were chirping, an owl made a weird sound in the woods, and a bat flew overhead. The trees made black silhouettes against the evening sky.

Little Teddy was frightened. "Daddy," he asked, "Will something get us?"

"Oh no, my boy," Daddy assured him.

Soon the little fellow asked again, "Daddy, will something get us?"

When Daddy realized that his little son was frightened, he took his hand in his saying, "You needn't be afraid, Teddy. I won't allow anything to harm you." The little fellow's fears disappeared as he walked courageously beside his father.

Those who know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour and God as their Father have nothing to fear. The Lord will be with them and will not allow anything to harm them. The Lord Jesus says, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." (Hebrews. 13:5.)

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty . . . He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust." (Psalms 91:1, 4.)

Jesus loves me this I know,

For the Bible tells me so

Little ones to Him belong

They are weak but He is strong.

Jesus loves me He Who died,

Heaven's gate to open wide;

He will wash away my sin,

Let a little child come in.

The Story of Abraham and Isaac

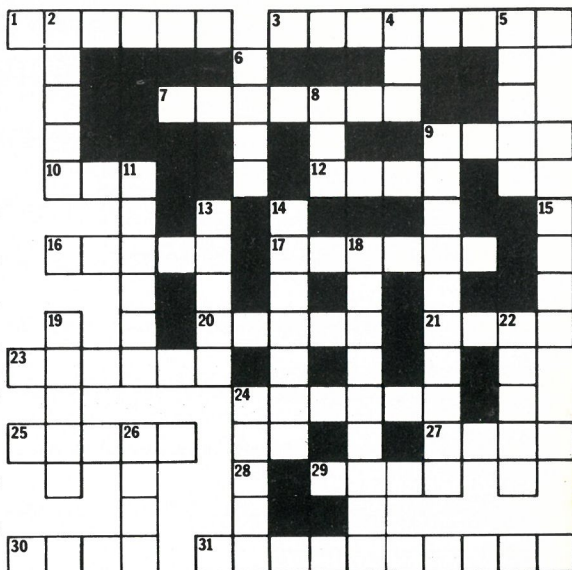
Answers found in Genesis 12 to 23

ACROSS

1. What land did Abraham go to? (ch. 12)
3. God gave the land to Abraham and to his _____. (12)
7. In thee shall all families of the earth be _____. (12)
9. Abraham felt it was his _____ to rescue Lot. (14)
10. What was caught in a thicket by its horns? (22)
12. Abram called on the _____ of the Lord. (13)
16. Abraham's wife's new name. (17)
17. Another name for thickets. (22)
20. God told Abraham to offer up his only son _____. (22)
21. Abraham served his three guests butter and _____. (18)
23. Abraham was Ishmael's _____. (16)
24. God said 'I will make of thee a great _____.' (12)
25. Canaan was a land flowing with milk and _____. (Deut. 6)
27. Abraham found favor in the _____ of the Lord. (18)
29. Abraham did not hesitate to _____ Isaac and offer him up. (22)
30. Unto thy seed will I give _____ land. (12)
31. A word meaning "from now on."

DOWN

2. Abraham built an _____ unto the Lord. (12)
4. "I and the _____ will go yonder, and worship." (22)
5. "The Judge of all the _____." (18)



6. "_____ not Abram: I am thy shield." (15)
8. "Take now thy _____, . . . whom thou lovest." (22)
9. Word meaning "made up his mind."
11. The place where Abraham offered up Isaac. (22)
13. "_____ sin is very grievous." (18)
14. God called Abram _____. (17)
15. The angels said, "_____ not behind thee." (19)
18. Abram made a _____ to God. (15)
19. Abraham found _____ in God's sight. (18)
22. Abraham _____ Isaac, his son. (22)
26. "The _____ of the earth shall fear Him." (Psa. 67)
28. "They separated . . . the _____ from the other." (13)

Joshua



The Crossing of the Jordan
Chapter 4

"And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over Jordan, that the Lord spake unto Joshua, saying,

"Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man,

"And command ye them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging place, where ye shall lodge this night . . .

"And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day."

Here we have two sets of stones of memorial - those taken from the dry bed of the river and set up in Gilgal in the land, and those set up in the midst

of the Jordan, in the very spot where the feet of the priests that bore the ark stood firm.

We can look at these stones in two ways. They point to the Lord Jesus Himself at the moment when the waves of judgment were flowing over His holy soul in death, and they point to Him as the risen One, Who was dead and is now "alive for evermore." They also tell of our being now *one* in life with Him Who was dead and now lives forever; thus we are both risen with Christ and dead with Him.

These stones taken out of the river speak of resurrection; those left in the river ever remind us of death. And it is well for us to note the order here. For as soon as we are redeemed and are introduced into this life in resurrection, then our thoughts turn back to the cross to that precious death of our Saviour, the path by which we came into this new sphere of peace and heavenly blessing.

It is as those that are redeemed that we keep the memorial of His death. Death in which we once would have perished, had we tried to cross it alone, is now through grace the constant food of our souls; only it is the Lord's death - not ours.

As we think of that ark, standing firm in the midst of the deepest part of the river - "(for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest)" - until all Israel were passed clean over, how precious to contemplate our blessed Saviour in death upon the cross for us, bearing all our sins in that dark hour!

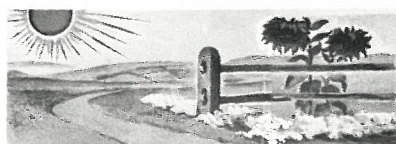
When deep to deep still calling
The waters reach Thy soul;
And death and wrath appalling
Their waves did o'er Thee roll.

It was Joshua, we read, who set up those twelve stones in the midst of Jordan. And oh, that we might be in such a state of soul that our blessed Lord can lead us back to stand, as it were, on Jordan's brink and gaze with bowed, humbled hearts into the depths of death's dark raging flood, to see the spot where His precious feet stood fast, until all His own were safely over. How sweet to sing then,

Oh, there Thy love grace unbounded
And perfect love we see;
With joy and sorrow mingling
We would remember Thee.

The Lord values our remembrance of His love more than we shall ever know.

Earth Heaven



EARTH

O what a bright and blessed world
This groaning earth of ours will be,
When from its throne the tempter hurl'd,
Shall leave it all, O Lord, for Thee.

HEAVEN

But greater far that world above,
When we as we are known shall know,
And in the sweet embrace of love,
Reign o'er His ransomed world below.

John 3:15, 16, 36

"Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Amen!"

Rev. 22:7, 12, 20

"THIS IS A FAITHFUL SAYING, AND WORTHY OF ALL ACCEPTION, THAT CHRIST JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS." 1 Tim. 1:15.



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Come Unto Me

And they brought young children to Him, that He should touch them; and His disciples rebuked those that brought them.

But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God.

Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.

Mark 10:13-16

When mothers of Salem their children brought to Jesus,

The stern disciples drove them back and bade them depart;

But Jesus saw them ere they fled,

And took them in His arms and said,
"Suffer the children to come unto Me."

"For I will receive them and fold them to My bosom;

I'll be a shepherd to these lambs—O drive them not away;

For if their hearts to Me they give,

They shall with Me in glory live;
'Suffer the children to come unto Me.' "

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